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E BAY ASSOCIATION MEETING

he September meeting of the Bay ociation was held in the Fruitvale rch September 15. An unusual gram was furnished by the stu- ts and faculty of Pacific School of gion. Rev. W. W. Furze, a special lent, was Moderator.

he afternoon program, aside from iness, was given by students. The ning prayer was offered by Ever- C. Blake, the closing prayer by Davis Preston. Scripture was read Fred R. Morrow. The addresses e as follows: "The Students," "In Daily Vacation Bible School," llip K. Swartz; "In the Week-Day ch School," James H. Price; "In churches," Homer H. Elliott; "In seminary Relations," Penrose W. st; "In Deputation Work," Vin- t C. Widney; "Women in the Theo- ical School," Alice Lindsley; "The eign Student," Alberto Rembao; ne Appeal to the Ministry," Sidney Buckham.

During the dinner hour a play was on by the students. In the evening sion prayer was offered by Galen Rose and Scripture read by Oliver Avery. Professor Frank Hodgdon ke delightfully on "Fellowship of culty and Students." President artz gave an inspiring address, with les, on "The School and Its Fu- e." Professor Nash led in the clos- prayer and benediction.

t was the unanimous judgment that more interesting and effective pro- am had been enjoyed by the Asso- tion. The students in training for ministry of preaching, pastoral rk, and religious education were en to be a capable and promising dy of earnest men and women al- dy helpful among the churches, er for the full life of service be- d the years of training.

Faculty and students heartily ap- ciated the welcome given by the Association and the opportunity present our School and its work. e should be glad if we might offer similar program elsewhere, either District Associations or to other urch meetings. The consequences uld certainly be beneficial to the urches and the School and the great use of training Christian leaders.

—C. S. N.

FOR YOUNG MEN

With the opening of its fall season activities, the San Francisco M. C. A. at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, s resumed its Sunday afternoon re- gious meetings which last spring oved to be one of the most popular rases of association building work. The steady increase in attendance ch Sunday this season has been ken as an indication of the interest own in the opportunity offered by e "Y" to men and boys to attend inspiring religious gathering every bbath afternoon. The meetings are en to all men and boys interested, cordial invitation being extended to l.

The meetings, which take place in e lobby of the Y.M.C.A. building at 0 Golden Gate Avenue, open at 3:30 m. with a program of religious music the Pacific Trio. Then for an hour llows a service and address by a eaker of note. At 5 o'clock as many the meeting group as desire attend e weekly "Stranger supper," a me-like meal where good-fellowship ign

The speaker for the October meet- gs is the Rev. Harvey V. Miller, stor of the First Congregational Church of Alameda. His general theme for the month is "The Analysis of the Soul." The specific subjects announced are: Oct. 4: "The Splendor of the Soul"; Oct. 11: "The Mystery of the Soul"; Oct. 18: "The Value of the Soul"; and Oct. 25: "The Immortality of the Soul."

John H. LeGrand was the Sunday afternoon speaker last month and his discourses were well received by enthusiastic gatherings.

HARVEST TIME AT FORT BIDWELL

A year or two ago we were able to point to the Indian mission at Fort Bidwell, California, as a fine example of social evolution from a migratory group of Piutes, living generally in underbrush shelters to a settled village, with its community life grouped around our church building. This fine result was due to the intelligent sympathetic cooperation of the government superintendent with our missionaries, and also to the missionary spirit of our Congregational people in Oregon and California. One thing was lacking, however. Regular Sunday School and midweek Bible classes were carried on, and the preaching services on Sunday, which were well attended, the children from the government school coming as a part of their prescribed program, and the adults because the church provided a community center not otherwise available. Undoubtedly many had come to believe in the spirit of service they had so long seen in the missionary workers, but until last spring, there had been only two baptisms, and those of Indians belonging elsewhere.

But the harvest was ripe and only needed an appropriate instrument to bring the group as a whole to accept baptism and the organization of a church. It had been my privilege a year or more ago to visit the Nez Perces Indian mission at Lapwai, Idaho, where Spalding, the companion of Whitman had labored so many years. Since then it was under the care of the McBeth sisters, and they had developed a unique training school for Indian Christian workers. Among the distinctive features of this work was an evangelistic band of Indians, under the leadership of an Indian, Rev. James Hayes, who went far and wide among neighboring tribes conducting meetings. I expressed the hope that sometime Mr. Hayes could visit the Indians at Fort Bidwell. At length it was made possible, and for a week he worked with Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker for decisions and definite witnessing for Christ. The Indians, under the leadership of one of their own people, even though of another tribe, and addressing them only in English, were more ready to take a definite stand and receive baptism. At first the children from the school stood up one by one, and finally fifty-two persons altogether were baptized and admitted into the church. Among the last was the chief himself, who really accepted Christianity and the church for his village. It is difficult to picture the slow development of a Christian consciousness among such a group, burdened as they are with a dark background of superstitions and wrongs. The growth of confidence, the Indian leadership in thinking as well as in superficial conformity to white men's customs, have at last matured a real spiritual harvest at Fort Bidwell which has immensely cheered the hearts of the missionaries and those who have appreciated the difficulties of Indian missions.

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THE MISSIONARY DEPUTATION

Under request of the Commission on Missions, a committee of the conference planned for a visitation of the churches in Northern California, of a missionary team to give inspiration and information concerning our benevolences with an emphasis upon stewardship.

The committee in charge planned that this team visit ten centers in two weeks and that the churches be invited to send key men and women to the nearest center. The Commission on Missions furnished two men, Rev. Jerome C. Holmes representing the American Board or the foreign interests, and Dr. F. W. Hodgdon representing the home land interests. The California Women's Missionary Society furnished two women: Mrs. H. T. Helfer, who worked during the first week, and Mrs. James Hazlett, visiting Sacramento and Stockton. In addition to these, we had the services of Mr. George H. Forsyth, a prominent layman in the San Mateo church, and such ministers as Dr. B. M. Palmer, W. E. Eckles and George E. Atkinson.

In the three centers of the Santa Clara Association, Santa Cruz, San Jose and Redwood City, there was 100% of the churches present by representation. Sonoma Association had 100%. The interest in all these meetings was very manifest and the testimony of those who were in attendance was that the meetings were of exceedingly great value and a wish expressed that such visitations might be had in every church.

At the Sonoma Association meeting held in Santa Rosa, in connection with the days work the five womens missionary societies of the major denominations in Santa Rosa came in for the missionary addresses given by Dr. Hodgdon and Mr. Holmes. This gave us a very large attendance and proved to be a happy opening of the Santa Rosa Church in its return from the federation with the Southern Methodists to undertake work by itself.

As we go to press the first week of the campaign is closing and during the following week we are to visit Sacramento Monday, Stockton Tuesday, Alameda Thursday, Mission Park, San Francisco, Friday. Will our ministers watch for notices concerning the meetings yet to be held and endeavor to give us 100% of attendance at each center.

The following resolution was passed by the Bi-County (San Francisco-San Mateo) Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Friday, September 18th. it was sent to Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and Theodore Roche, president of the San Francisco Police Commission. It was signed by Mrs. Mary Aurelia Todd and Mrs. Howard Rigdon, president and secretary of the Bi-county organization.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Bi-county, San Francisco-San Mateo, in annual convention assembled, unanimously protests against the efforts being made to prevent the reinstatement of Charles Goff as a captain in the police force of San Francisco. We wish to pay tribute to the honest and fearless way in which Captain Goff has served the community, and as citizens and taxpayers, view with deep humiliation the present situation."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

One of the outstanding results of the music hour at our Conference at Asilomar, has been that Mrs. Hodgdon is increasing demand by our Churches to conduct a music week with them.

She drilled a chorus for the Benicia rededication services that was much appreciated; gave a week at Pittsburg in connection with the inauguration of Mr. Champlin's work; will give a week at Santa Rosa at the time of the reopening of their church; will give a week also at Big Creek in helping along the mission work there; and will have a week at First Church, Oakland, in November. She will spend Thanksgiving Week at San Mateo previous to the installation of a pipe organ, and between times she is building up and directing the chorus at Park Church, Berkeley.

At the first rehearsal at Pittsburg 86 were present. Any Church wishing dates and terms should address the Conference office. Here is a new type of Evangelism as well as a needed awakening along the lines of better Church music.

A SHEAF OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Our attention has been called to a correction that should be made with reference to the last Resolution published in the September number, relating to the excusing of students from schools in order to attend classes in religion in their churches. Nothing was said about the adoption of the resolution, but the inference might be that it had been adopted. Word comes that correction should be made and notice given that this was referred to a committee for special study.

Word also comes from Rev. Charles D. Boyles that he was given credit for the improvement of the church property at Grace Church, Oakland. He informs us that these improvements were made previous to his becoming pastor.

In some unaccountable way we referred to Dr. Watts O. Pye as being located in Fenchow, China, and his good wife in Kobe, Japan. Mr. Chas. E. Harwood writes that he is entertaining these good missionaries, find them very much attached to each other, and is quite certain that we made a mistake. We admit it.

LET US MAKE HIM A LIFE SUBSCRIBER

In a letter from Mr. Charles E. Harwood of Upland, California, we find a check for $1.00, asking us to extend his subscription for such time as the amount covers and then to stop his paper. The reason he gives for stopping it is that he is nearly 95 years old and does not see many years ahead. We wish him many years yet and think we ought to continue the paper during his lifetime.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

AMERICAN BOARD NOTES

A recent action of the Prudential Committee of the American Board authorizes a furlough for Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker of Sintsing, China, in 1926, a year earlier than they would ordinarily be coming home. Mr. Whitaker was for some time pastor of the Paradise Church and also of the church at Porterville and his many friends in these two churches will be interested to know that they will soon be able to see him.

A very interesting letter came from Rev. Fred F. Goodsell, Field Secretary of the Turkey Mission, in relation to the new conditions which are facing the work at the present time. There has been some question in the minds of many of the friends of the Board as to the advisability of continuing the work in Turkey. It seems to the missionaries there and to others who have been making a study of the situation that never before has there been so splendid an opportunity to teach the gospel to the moslem world as now. We have been working heretofore through minorities in Turkey and now the minority groups have been practically driven out of Turkey and we have a chain of schools and stations across the country where we are at last able to do the work for the Moslems. They are today in practically every one of our schools in Turkey. More Turks are actually engaged in study there now than were in all the pre-war days. Mr. Goodsell says in his letter: "New conditions are unescapably and constantly with us. The Turks like to describe what is going on as the re-birth of a nation. There are many traits which repel foreigners in their midst who do not look into the depth of the human soul. For one who tries to see the inner meaning of things, as most of our missionaries do, there is a growing delight in the fact that in spite of exceedingly great difficulties and perils, the will to achieve a new life is asserting itself. Blinded and ill-guided as they often are, Turkey's new leaders are not selfish as a class. They are working hard for a national ideal, the defects of which constitute a real challenge to us missionaries. As one of our native friends has put it: 'We don't find ripe grains, but the whole field is getting riper every day.' "

In these days when China is very much in our thoughts, when we have noted in recent months the tendency of the nations which have been receiving indemnity from China for the Boxer uprising to return that indemnity, the following note from the National Christian Council Review, of India, is of interest. Dr. H. T. Hodgkin, one of the secretaries of the National Christian Council of China, in a letter to the London Times makes some statements in regard to this matter of the return of the indemnity. "He pointed out that the Chinese did not regard the Boxer uprising of 1900 with the same horror as do the European powers, that they regard the methods by which it was repressed as severe to the point of savagery, and are not, therefore, disposed to regard the indemnity as other than a charge imposed upon them by **force majeure.** They do not in consequence, regard the remission of a part of the amount as supremely generous. Further, Dr. Hodgkin points out any prestige which is to be got out of the remission of part of the indemnity has already been gained by America. He, therefore, urges that absolutely everything depends upon the way in which the money is used, and that not only will no good be done but positive harm will be done if any ground is given to the Chinese for thinking that the money is to be used to further British interests in China."

NOTES FROM WAI HOSPITAL

The following is an extract from a letter recently received from Dr. Beals of Wai Hospital, India:

"Each day brings its share of interesting patients into the Hospital. Here are some cases that are in the Hospital now: Last night a woman of the gardener-caste was brought in a huge basket slung on a bamboo pole and carried by four men. She had been gored by a bullock in the abdominal wall and had to be sewed up. There is a little boy about four with a big sarcona of the eye-ball. His parents brought him forty miles, hearing of our Hospital. In the Children's Ward is a girl about 13 years old with a very intense attack of St. Vitus' Dance. I am not sure that we can keep her, for the excitement of the Children's Ward is not good for her, to say the least. Here is a case again for which we need the privacy of one of the single rooms in our new building. There is a little girl of ten with hip disease, who is slowly getting over her pain. Two days ago came a woman with a sarcomatous mass as large as a child's head hanging off from her abdominal wall; she had to carry it, as she walked, with her hands. Now after her operation she is doing well. This afternoon, a baby two months old was brought in. He had a double inguinal hernia, and a mass of enlarged veins over the hernia on one side. There are the usual cataract and other eye cases, and many abscess cases that need to be dressed every day. Of course we see each day more than 100 patients in our Day Dispensary which is down in the town. Out of these a few are given admission slips for the Hospital, and the rest are treated in their daily visits at the Dispensary."

On October 3rd another group of missionaries sailed for China. It was a much larger party than we usually send out so late in the season.

Dr. and Mrs. Watts O. Pye and their little boy, returning to the work in Shansi. With Dr. Pye were Mr. and Mrs. Outerbridge, a new couple, and Miss Bascom who is going out as Secretary to Dr. Pye.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Smith and daughter were returning to their work in Foochow Mission. They will be very welcome when they reach Foochow as they are taking along with them to join the Mission, Dr. and Mrs. Horace E. Campbell and Dr. and Mrs. Neil Lewis.

The friends of Dr. Pye will be interested to learn that less than a week before sailing, a friend donated a Ford car, equipped with a balopticon for the use of Mr. Outerbridge in evangelistic work in Dr. Pye's field. Mr. Outerbridge is an agricultural missionary and will plan to use the machine and the balopticon in demonstration work.

EDUCATION IN MEXICO SHOWS DISTINCT PROGRESS

In educational lines there has been much progress in Mexico. There is now a federal Department of Education. A few years ago the national budget for education was five million pesos, or two and a half million dollars; under Obregon it was raised to forty-five million pesos, or twenty-two and a half million dollars. The people realize keenly that one of the tremendous handicaps of their country is illiteracy. Among the methods started to combat that problem was a school children's campaign in which each child was asked to teach some one to read and write; also a missionary teachers' movement (native teachers) in which teachers were sent out to isolated regions to bring something of the up to date culture and modern science of the world today. The Department of Education is also trying to establish libraries in a great many of the smaller towns. Translations of the New Testament are being circulated in all the public libraries, as the Department of Education considers it a significant book. It is tremendously significant that reading rooms have been established for women as well as men. Books can never be taken out of the libraries. The big city high schools are trying to encourage courses in practical arts, thus showing women different ways of earning their living. It has not been considered respectable for women to earn their living.

The people need a tremendous spiritual awakening in life. Their religion is one of awful superstition. In the missionary work carried on in Mexico by the different Protestant denominations emphasis is put on union work. There is a union theological seminary, a union press with all the different denominational papers merged in one very live paper, and they are dreaming of a union university at Mexico City where graduates of high schools can go for higher training. There are only fifty Protestant churches at most on the West Coast of Mexico, some only little houses where a few people come to read the Bible occasionally. The Congregationalists have sixteen regular churches and about twenty regular missionaries. Three of the four regular schools established have high school work.

A CHINESE YOUTH MOVEMENT

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of our missions for Chinese in California is the steady growth of a real youth movement looking toward unity in the religious work of the San Francisco Chinese community and toward initiative and responsibility in social service. In one of the Chinese mission buildings of San Francisco generously granted for such use by a mission board, the younger Chinese of several denominations are carrying on a very significant work to serve the community in educational, social and recreational activities. This includes a Chinese Language School, a society for training in chorus work, a society for amateur dramatics, and the regular work of Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, besides frequent union social and religious meetings. All these activities which could scarcely develop to any great strength in a single small church are flourishing as the young people get together in this way. The competition of the purely secular organizations of the Chinese community, on the one hand, and of the strong Catholic mission, on the other, make it clear to most of the Christian Chinese of the Protestant churches that they must work together more and more. They are not yet ready for a united church, but they are practicing unity in these ways that will make a united church possible in time. Efforts of the mission boards to hurry this result are likely to rouse conservatism and misunderstanding. The spirit of union grows naturally through these efforts of the young Chinese themselves, and their vision widens of what may be done in the future. We are proud that our Congregational Chinese are the outstanding leaders in this movement.

One of the most interesting phases was the Union Daily Vacation Bible School, enrolling three hundred and fifty Chinese children, held for five weeks this last summer. Four mission boards and the Chinese themselves shared the budget for about five hundred dollars. Seven Chinese young men and women were employed, with two or three American teachers. The Chinese who superintended the school showed unusual skill in training and interesting the large group.

BENEVOLENCES
September 1 to 30th, 1925

Alturas	$ 41
Berkeley, First	811
Berkeley, Park	100
Berkeley, North	242
Cloverdale	15
Crockett	12
Grass Valley	44
Martinez	84
Murphys	10
Oakland First	378
Oakland Calvary	25
Oakland Fruitvale	56
Oakland Plymouth	120
Oakland Olivet	34
Pacific Grove	41
Palo Alto	350
Paradise	6
Petaluma	107
Pittsburg	15
Redwood City	300
San Francisco, First	350
San Jose	185
San Mateo	50
Santa Cruz	200
Santa Rosa First	15
Sonoma	40
Tulare	20
Weaverville	40
Woodside	15
Miscellaneous	1
M. H.	10
	$3,82

Distribution

Pacific School	$ 10
Annuity Fund	3
C. M. R. S.	6
S. S. E. S.	6
C. W. M. S.	3
Conference	29
C. C. Bldg. Soc.	18
Cong. Edu. Soc.	20
W. B. MP.	4
A. M. A.	4
A. B. C. F. M.	7
C. H. M. S.	1,2
	$3,8

Comparative Figures 1924-192

	1924	1
Jan. 10th-31st	$ 425.75	$ 6
Feb. 1st-28th	2,568.46	2,9
March 1st-31st	2,923.42	3,5
April 1st-30th	4,846.11	4,0
May 1st-31st	3,914.69	3,9
June 1st-30th	2,934.67	2,9
July 1st-31st	4,664.36	4,4
August 1st-31st	2,764.07	2,1
Sept. 1st-30th	3,129.80	3,2
Total	$28,171.33	$28,

BOOKS RECEIVED

Religious Values by Edgar Sh Brightman, 285 pages; price $2.5 Abingdon Press, New York.

The Ethical Teaching of the pels by Ernest Ward Burch. 238 price $1.25. The Abingdon Press York.

The Christ of the Indian Road Stanley Jones. 213 pages; price The Abingdon Press, New York

Greek Culture and the Greek ment, by Doremus Almy Haye pages; price $1.50. The Ab Press, New York.

Advertising the Church, Fra Case, editor. 160 pages; price The Abingdon Press, New York

The Just Weight, by Francis Connell. 197 pages; price $1.0 Abingdon Press, New York.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

FINANCES OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Department of Religious Education
Efficiency in the activities of the
Young people's department of church
work is partly dependent on ade-
quate and stable finances. To this
end the society needs to adopt a care-
fully balanced budget of probable ex-
penses and a method of securing def-
inite and regular income.

At the initiative of the Committee
on Religious Education a model bud-
get is suggested for the consideration
of the young people's organizations in
our churches with the advice that
their income be disbursed on the
basis of the following percentages:

Local running expenses	35%
Delegates to Summer Conference	35%
Benevolences of Denomination	20%
Young People's Council of Conference	10%
	100%

From the local running expenses should
be included such items as publicity,
expenses of committees and equip-
ment. Provision should be made
early for a good delegation to the
Summer Conference. The denomina-
tional benevolences should receive
regular study and support. Remit-
tances should be sent to Mr. F. P.
Hale, Treasurer of the Northern Cali-
fornia Congregational Conference, 421
Phelan Building, San Francisco, to be
disbursed to the various societies on
the basis of the apportionment per-
centages. These contributions will be
credited on the apportionment of the
local church. The Young People's
Council of the Conference, composed
of six young people elected by the
Summer Conference and by the mem-
bers of the Committee on Religious
Education, needs funds for effective
promotion of young people's work in
the Conference. Ten per cent of the
income of the local society should be
sent to Department of Religious Edu-
cation of the Conference, 424 Phelan
Building, San Francisco. Remittances
for the last two items should be made
the first of December and of May.

The society's income should be as-
sured by the adoption of dues, pay-
able in monthly installments, by reg-
ular offerings which may be supple-
mented by special activities and en-
tertainments. The treasurer of the
society should collect the dues reg-
ularly and make a monthly report to
the regular meeting of the executive
committee of the society. Envelopes
may be used by members in making
their monthly payments.

These suggestions are being made
not because they set forth the high-
est ideal for our work but because
they represent, for this year, a goal
that any society may reasonably
attain.

NEW BOOKS

"The Psychology of Middle Adoles-
cence," Mary E. Moxcey's latest book,
is an authoritative treatment of the
subject and one which will be wel-
comed by all who deal with youth. The
book is one of the series of third-year
specialization units of the Standard
Leadership Training Course.

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Among the constructive younger philosophers is Dr. Edgar S. Brightman, a successor to Borden P. Bowne as professor of philosophy at Boston University. Dr. Brightman's recent volume "Religious Values," issued by the Abingdon Press, presents a discerning study of the various values of religion, considering the logical basis of religious belief; the moral basis of religious values; truth and value in religion; the human and more than-human values of religion; religious values and recent philosophy; the experiment of worship; doubts about the value of worship; worship as creativity; and philosophy and religious education.

"The Hymn as Literature" by Prof. J. M. Reeves is a discerning study of hymnology in its development which will be useful as a textbook for classes in leadership training and for private reading. Hymnology is a most rewarding field for study which should be encouraged among laymen and young people.

In "A Curriculum of Worship for the Junior Church School," Edna M. Crandall has provided a needed and helpful book for workers with Junior children. In the worship programs are correlated a memory curriculum with carefully planned services of worship. Valuable suggestions for the use of pictures are included. The aim of the book is to help provide junior children with more systematic training in worship and to introduce a higher type of worship into the junior department of the Church School.

Among the books for young people none are of more wholesome value than those dealing with the days of chivalry. L. C. Page & Company have recently added to those books two of special quality, "The Days of Chivalry" by W. H. D. Adams and "The King's Minstrel" by the author who signs himself I. M. B. of K. The scenes of the former are laid in France in the times of Henry XI. The book contains a wealth of interest for readers of every age. "The King's Minstrel" is a story of the days of strife between the Saxon and Norman races. The book tells the story of a noble and devout spirit.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Young People's and Children's Part in Financing the Enterprises of the Church

Our aim is the training of the youth of the Church so that we shall have a generation of Christians who will both know and do the will of God. This requires the sense of stewardship of the whole of life. It will result in a Christian of world-wide vision, sympathy and reach of service. The task is, therefore, more than that of helping in the promotion of a single campaign for financing the church's enterprises though these matters are included in the ultimate goal.

Inasmuch as the logical order is knowledge of peoples and conditions, followed by stirred emotions, resulting in sympathy and succeeded by action, we suggest that the Young People of the Conference be asked to take as a project for study "The Financing of the Church." This will require study which may be divided into two phases. First, the study of the work of the local church and its budget, to be accomplished by definite effort on the part of the young people in seeking information and placing it before the whole group. Diagrams of the organized agencies of the church activities should be made. The relationship of departments, the extent of the service of the church and its financial obligations and needs should be considered. Information may be secured from the various departments of the church, the trustees and the pastor. The second phase of the study will include the wider relationships of the church through the Conference, the nation and the world. Information to be secured from the Boards, the Conference Educational Office, magazines and books, and from any missionary who may be available.

This study should result in the discussion of what young people are doing in connection with the enterprises of the church. Two pertinent questions will arise, "Are we, as young people, satisfied with our service and our relationship to so important undertakings?" and "What ought we to do about it?"

Young People may assist (1) in publicity, through posters, bulletins and five-minute speeches; (2) in the canvass, clerical work and serving luncheon to canvassers; (3) by individual enrollment for study and reading groups in Missions; (4) by personal subscriptions; (5) by budgeting the finances of the Young People's Society; and, (6) by presenting missionary pageants, dramas and lectures.

The Church School should carry on missionary education through the use of the "World Service School Plans." The first step is to adopt the plans for the school, elect a superintendent of missionary education and send enrollment card to the Department of Missionary Education. Literature, chart and program material will be sent regularly to the superintendent without charge. "World Service Schools," a pamphlet of information on these plans and enrollment card, may be secured from the Conference Educational Office. The offerings for missions in the schools for the current year should be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer through the regular local channels for disbursement on the basis of the apportionment percentages.

SERVICE OF EDUCATION TO THE CHURCH

(An extract from Prof. J. E. Stout's book, "The Organization and Administration of Religious Education").

It is extremely important that the church should not only be perpetuated but that it should become increasingly effective as an instrument of social service. In order to do this its own life must constantly be renewed and strengthened. A program of religious education properly conceived and administered will accomplish this more effectively than any other means. In fact no other means is available.

There are four needs of the church:

1. To secure a more sure and effective means of recruiting its membership. More than half our population are not members of the church. How to make a successful appeal to these millions constitutes one of the acute problems of the church. It should continue its efforts to reach adults but both its program and its methods must take into account the necessity of administering to life in its formative period. Intelligence must be cultivated, loyalties established and life enriched when it is most easy and fruitful to do these things.

The surest and most effective means of recruiting membership is the education of childhood and youth. This does not mean that other methods cannot and should not continue to be used. It does mean that other means have proven inadequate and that chief reliance must be placed on education.

2. An intelligent membership. This means not only in general but in connection with religion in particular. The membership needs a more intelligent conception of the importance of the church as an institution and its function and its own relation to the program of the church. The time to begin to secure such intelligence is in childhood and youth. Children are being trained for citizenship for vocations and for the home. Likewise they must be trained for the church. This is all the more important just because they are being trained for these other things.

If it is true as claimed in some quarters, that many churches are regarded largely as social clubs, where does the fault lie? The members of such churches are no doubt intelligent enough but they still lack intelligence of the right kind. They have little background either in sentiment or knowledge to respond to spiritual appeals or to cooperate in a program of spiritual upbuilding of the community. It is a hard task and not very fruitful to re-educate people of such years and views. Seasons of revival and vitalizing the religious life of spiritually lazy adults are important. A well conceived program of education to secure the growth of children and youth into a vital religious life, experience and conduct, is surely of equal importance.

3. The church needs to possess a more vivid sense of its own shortcomings. There is now too much fault-finding but not enough fault-correcting. More criticisms of the constructive kind is needed. A ministry educated for the new duties and responsibilities of the church is essential. But it can accomplish little unless laymen are educated for the same task and are able to follow intelligently the leadership of the ministry. There is a feeling that something is wrong with the church. What is needed is a knowledge of what is wrong and a constructive effort to correct the faults.

4. An educated membership is needed to provide for an expanding forward-looking program. The new and enlarged demands upon the church in the future can be met only by a constituency that is trained for service. Its objectives must be intelligently conceived, its agencies wisely selected and effectively administered. Leadership training for specialized types of service is necessary. The increasing demand for such leadership makes it imperative that means be provided to supply it. But training of such leaders is not enough. The church must look forward to securing an entire membership committed to service through its agencies. This can be accomplished only by a program of religious instruction beginning in childhood and carried through the formative years of life. The church should not spend less time in its efforts to educate its adult membership in the fundamental things of religion. But it should spend more time in the religious development of the children and youth of the nation.

BERKELEY FIRST RECEIVES LARGE CLASS OF MEMBERS

Dr. McCall received into fellowship at the morning service of September 9th a remarkably large class of 95 members.

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LODI.—The fall work opens with enthusiasm although many are very busy during the grape season. During the summer the Sunday School has kept up better than usual—they aim for an average of 225 for the year. The women of the Church have started to pay off the last few dollars on the new $1,500 carpet. At the last communion six united with the church, making 43 received since January 1st. The pastor leaves about the 15th of October to attend the National Council in Washington, D. C.

Sacramento—The Sacramento Church has purchased another lot adjoining their building site. This will give 160 feet frontage on Sutter's Fort Park and an average depth of about 120 feet. Plans for the building are being redrawn.

Rev. Harley H. Gill, pastor of First Church, Sacramento, was the speaker at the laying of the corner stone of the new Sacramento Junior College, which is being erected at a cost of $550,000. The ceremonies were conducted by the Masonic Grand Lodge. About 1200 people assembled for the exercises.

RIO VISTA.—Since the middle of January this Church has been supplied by friends of the Church and of Mr. Bunce, at no expense to the Church but that of traveling. Mr. Bunce has made a most wonderful recovery, but is not yet able to be out of the Sanitarium, and arrangements have been made whereby there will be a steady supply. Dr. W. A. Tate has consented to take the Church for supply work and give it some necessary direction, if he can find time to help the Church. The Church building is completed in its repairs and furnishings are very attractive, and the attendance has kept up very well considering the absence of the minister. The Church is now busy planning for a Harvest Festival, which is an institution in Rio Vista and supported by all the people regardless of religious affiliation, even though it be under the direction of the Congregational Church.

Petaluma—Sunday evening, September 27th, the first of the "Open Forum" addresses of the season was delivered to an enthusiastic audience by Robert Newton Lynch of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, on the subject "Peace Relations of the Pacific."

The workers are now engaged in co-operating with the Evangelical churches in making a religious survey of this city.

60th ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday afternoon, September 16, 1856, a council met in Stockton and authorized the organization of a Congregational Church. The council consisted of delegates from the First Church, San Francisco; First Church, Oakland; the Sacramento, Clayton and San Mateo churches. The next day the church was formally organized with 14 members. Rev. P. G. Buchanan was the first pastor.

The sixtieth anniversary of this event was celebrated Wednesday night, September 16, by the Stockton Church with an appropriate program after which the congregation and friends enjoyed a social hour and light refreshments.

Brief addresses were given by Rev. Reuben H. Sink, pastor emeritus, whose theme was "Thirty Years Save One;" by Rev. Harley H. Gill, who spoke on "The Church and the City," and by Dr. Wm. J. Minchin, who brought greetings on behalf of the Conference.

The pastor, Rev. Hugh V. White, presided and read extracts from the minutes of the organization.

One interesting feature of the event was the presence and participation of all the pastors who have ministered to the church for the past thirty-six years. There are only three, Rev. R. H. Sink, 29 years; Rev. Harley H. Gill, 5 years, and Rev. H. V. White, who has been with the church a little over two years. In all the sixty years there have been only twelve pastors.

Another thing that was mentioned is the close connection of the church with the Pacific School of Religion. On the council which met in September 16, 1865, were Dr. Mooar, from Oakland and Dr. Divinell from Sacramento; both honored pioneers in the life of Pacific. Then the three living ministers whose pastorates cover 36 years, are all alumni of Pacific.

The congregation rejoices in a record of steady growth and looks forward to increased power. The Stockton morning "Independent" reprinted an interesting item from its files of sixty years ago and closed an editorial of congratulation with this sentence, "Those who are familiar with the Congregational Church and with its pastor, can best appreciate how well the promise spoken of by Rev. Crosby in his report of the establishment of the Church is today being fulfilled; 'This young church promises to be an element of moral power in the community, alive to the issues of the times, but holding fast to the old ways that have proven good.'"

BENICIA RE-DEDICATES

Sunday, September 20, was a memorable day for the church at Benicia upon the occasion of its re-dedication services. This was the consummation of a year's work upon the part of the pastor, members and non-resident friends of the church. The Benicia church has had an interesting and worthy history of sixty years. In the early days it was one of the large and influential churches of the denomination on the coast. It exerted a wide influence through the ministry of able pastors to a college constituency when Benicia was the Athens of the west. In those days, even with two other Protestant churches in the town, its auditorium was crowded, half of the congregation being students from Mills college.

Today the Congregational church alone maintains regular services and a resident pastor. To meet the added responsibility it became necessary to completely renovate, add to and alter the building to an expenditure of approximately $3500. This amount was raised with the generous help of the C. C. B. S. and a life-long friend of the church, Mrs. Frank W. Blanchard, of Berkeley, who was instrumental in raising upwards of a thousand dollars from descendents of former members and residents of the town.

The re-dedication day was a real home-coming and reunion. About fifty people from various parts of the state were present to renew acquaintanceships and rejoice at the good work accomplished. A home-coming luncheon was served to about one hundred fifty people and was a great social event. This was followed in the afternoon by a reminiscense meeting at which there were short talks by those connected with the church in early days. There were also present and taking part in the services, Revs. B. St. John, James B. Orr, and Burton M. Palmer, former pastors of the church. In every sense the day was a great success and the church feels especially grateful to Dr. Minchin and Dr. Hodgdon for their sermons and successful appeal for added funds to provide a furnace. Through these appeals a sum of $300 was realized.

A distinct feature of the services was the children's choir under the direction of Mrs. Hodgdon.

GRASS VALLEY. — The pioneer church building of Grass Valley was erected in 1853 through the contributions of gold miners and others. Early in the Spring of 1874 a Woman's Temperance Union was organized in this church. After the organization of the National W. C. T. U., its name and constitution were amended to conform to the National Union, thus giving the Grass Valley organization the distinction of being the first and oldest organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. As the result, Grass Valley has been very near to the hearts of the women of the W. C. T. U.

Having been invited by the California Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee to participate in the celebration, the officers of the State Union desiring to attract public attention to the great moral victory of the first W. C. T. U. of California, and to show their love for its cradle spot, plan a jubilee celebration at the Grass Valley shrine, sometime in March, 1926.

A bronze tablet is to be unveiled with appropriate exercises, in which the united churches and general public are expected to participate. The beautiful new church auditorium of this historic church, with its recently installed Cathedral Organ, will provide an ideal rallying center for the forthcoming Memorial occasion.

Good times continue to be enjoyed in the old historic Congregational Church at Grass Valley. On the evening of August 27th, the combined seating and standing capacity of the spacious church auditorium and lecture rooms were occupied by a throng of Grass Valley music lovers, on the occasion of an Organ Benefit Concert given by the Sacramento School Concert Band, consisting of fifty-five pieces, assisted by local and instrumental numbers contributed by local talent. As a mark of appreciation for the generous service rendered by the Band organization, the ladies of the church tendered the Band Boys a reception in the new dining rooms. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by the lads.

During the same evening another reception was given in the church parlors to the teachers of the Grass Valley schools, about thirty being served with appetizing refreshments. The two receptions were intended to be a fitting close to a delightful evening's entertainment consisting of music and motion pictures, and further, to give evidence of the splendid community spirit existing in this church.

In Memorium

ISAAC H. MORSE

No Congregational layman in th West has given more of his time an energy to the upbuilding of our wor than I. H. Morse, who, on Septembe 15th, passed from a life full of notabl achievements, in his seventy-eight year. Mr. Morse, always deeply i terested in church affairs, was engage in active business until middle lif and was one of the founders of th California Packing Association. break in health made retirement fro business essential and aside from var ous trips abroad, much of his though during the remainder of his life wa of Christian work and of our denom ination in particular. He served as a officer of our Conference for man years and our leaders have alway turned to him for council and advic A member of the First Church of Sa Francisco since 1868 and a Deaco since 1884 Mr. Morse served with se en pastors.

Following the fire of 1906 he wa most active in restoring the shatter building and led in the moveme which resulted in the construction the present church. Surely his leade ship and advice will be sorely miss by all our people.

His decease follows that of his wi by only a few weeks. His will h provided in memory of her a proper of $150,000 for Mills College. Amo other bequests $10,000 was provid for the First Church of San Francis $5,000 for the American Board a $5,000 for the California Home M sionary Society. Recently a consid able sum was also given for the i provement of the First Church orga

Funeral services were held in t Church he loved so well on the 1 of September. Words of appreciati were spoken by several of our C gregational clergy.

We may well quote from a trib by Dr. Gordon: "The proportions his personality were four-square, a a spiritual crown of glory rested u all."

FRANK W. DEAN

Word comes to this office of sudden death of Rev. W. Dean, w passed away at his home in Seb topol Friday, September 18th. two years Mr. Dean had been in health, and previous to that he been serving the Crocker Home Aged People, coming there from pastorate at Sebastopol. Mr. D had his membership in the Bay A ciation and gave his time and at tion to its affairs while he was in city. The funeral was held Mon at the Sebastopol Church, and body was brought to San Franc on Tuesday for cremation. Mrs. D will make a short visit in Oakl after which she plans to go East an indefinite period.

Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Cookma Sonoma recently returned from t vacation to find the parsonage r vated within and without.

Rev. Harley Gill of Sacramento ports the purchase of an additi lot adjoining the new property of Sacramento Church, which will g ly add to the usefulness and at tiveness of the new plant when t

The volunteer choir at Loomis der the leadership of Mrs. Ethel has begun its fall program. Richard Day is pastor there.

Rev. Grant S. Schaeffer of Au now enters his eleventh year as tor. Since his coming the men ship has grown, the church buil has been greatly improved, and a sonage acquired. On August 30t fall work opened with a most he service.